

THE PARISH OF CATHAYS

THE CHURCHES OF
ST. ANDREW & ST. TEILO,
WOODVILLE RD.
ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS,
WHITCHURCH RD.

December 18th
2011
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Year B
The Year of Mark

Everyone is welcome here. In St. Michael's you will find a Sunday School, at which all young children are very welcome. There is a family service on the first Sunday of each month. In St. Teilo's we have a choir in university term-time, and the church has traditionally been a place of worship for students, as well as the wider community. If you are new to the church please make yourself known to Caroline, the Wardens, or a member of the congregation. Please stay for tea or coffee after the service.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

ST. TEILO'S

Tuesday, 7 pm
Holy Eucharist

Saturday, Christmas Eve,
11.30pm
Midnight Mass

ST. MICHAEL'S

Tonight, 7pm
Parish Carol Service

Thursday, 9.30am
Holy Eucharist

Saturday, Christmas Eve, 5pm
Crib Service

Sunday, Christmas Day,
9.30am
One service of Holy
Eucharist for the whole
Parish



Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.'

For more detailed information on all our activities, please visit our website:
www.cathaysparish.org.uk

Collect of the day:

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our Saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The reader says: A reading from the Second Book of Samuel

2 Samuel 7:1 - 11, 16

When King David was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, ‘See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.’ Nathan said to the king, ‘Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.’ But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Silence

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle.

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The reader says: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 16: 25 - 27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Silence

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

The Magnificat

STAND

My soul proclaims the | greatness of the | Lord, • my spirit re|joices in | God my
| Saviour,
who has looked with favour on his | lowly | servant. • From this day all
gener|ations will | call me | blessed:
the Almighty has done great | things for | me • and | holy | is his | name.
God has mercy on | those who | fear him, • from gener|ation to | gener|ation.
The Lord has shown | strength with his | arm • and scattered the | proud in |
their con|ceit,
casting down the mighty | from their | thrones • and | lifting up the | lowly.
God has filled the hungry with | good | things • and sent the | rich a|way |
empty.
He has come to the aid of his | servant | Israel, • to re|member the | promise of |
mercy,
the promise made | to our | forebears, • to Abraham | and his | children for |
ever.

The Gospel.

STAND

Priest: Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke

Response: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Luke 1: 26 - 38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

After the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response:

Praise to you, O Christ.

Thought for the week:

The incarnation is a happening both unique and ordinary. It is so complete and absolute of its kind that it has no parallels, no precedents, no successors.

Rosemary Haughton

A warm welcome to the family and friends of our lovely Jasmin who is being baptised in St. Michael's this morning.

Our thanks to Peter Swinbank who is preaching at St. Teilo's this morning.

Tonight at 7pm in St. Michael's is our Parish Carol Service. Please bring your friends and neighbours to this special occasion, which will be followed by seasonal refreshments.

Leaflets detailing all of our Christmas services are available today. The same information, in a simpler format, is also available as a Christmas card from the Parish. Please take some to pop through people's letterboxes. We need to let people know how lovely we are! Christmas Eve on Saturday sees our Crib Service in St. Michael's at 5pm, and our thanks go to the Sunday School teachers and helpers for all the work they have put into this. At 11.30pm in St. Teilo's there is our traditional Midnight Mass, and there is one service for the whole Parish at 9.30am in St. Michael's next Sunday, Christmas Day.

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Please contact Rev'd Caroline to arrange baptisms, marriages, banns, and Holy Communion for the sick and housebound. Please let Caroline know if anyone wishes to be prayed for, is ill or in hospital or would welcome a visit.

Items to be included in this newsletter need to be given to Caroline by Thursday of each week before publication on Sunday. We will try our best to include everything!

Notes & Queries

✦ Mr Oswald Barnes from St. John's has faithfully worked as our Covenant Secretary for several years out of the kindness of his heart. We are so grateful to him for all his work in reclaiming our tax from Gift Aid. Oswald is retiring from this post as all the returns now have to be submitted on computer. We need a replacement for Oswald for the new year. Please speak to Caroline or one of the Wardens if this person could be you!

✦ Please note that on Sunday, January 1st 2012, New Year's Day, there will be one service for the whole Parish in St. Michael's at 10.30am.

*A Merry Christmas
to all our readers!*